CHICAGO COIN CLUB Chatter

Meets the Second Wednesday, 8 P. M., at the Pick Congress Hotel

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DINNER MEETING, 5th FLOOR, HARDING'S RESTAURANT, 21 S. WABASH AVENUE

DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

For the most part this was a social evening with not very good attendance despite the free coffee and Christmas cookies. President Babka announced that, at a recent board meeting, it was decided to present one of our bronze 50th Anniversary medals to the A.N.A. museum. The board approved plans for the 1969 BULLETIN as outlined by Grebinger and Smedley, and the suggestion made by Lee Hewitt at the November meeting to insert a spot in the "Order of Business" for miscellaneous announcements, news items and general comments from the floor. The bylaws will not be changed at this time but the practice will be recognized at future meetings. *** CSNS Convention Chairman Eisenberg could not be present but Treasurer Nolan announced that the Club's share of the net proceeds of last spring's convention amounted to $1060.71, and that we will receive a check before the year end. President Babka announced that a $500 check had been received from PNG for our help in its mid-October show. *** Exhibits, some relating to the holidays, were by Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, James Budd, Wm. Pettit and (by proxy) Dennis Forgue. *** Pettit read the report of the nominating committee which, in effect, placed the names of all incumbent officers in nomination for reelection. There being no other nominations, the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for each nominee. (There was only one dissenting vote - Lilyan Babka's) *** Secretary Marge Baker suggested that, at some future meeting, we invite member dealers to comment on "What do young coin collectors collect?"

JANUARY DINNER MEETING

Have you bought or reserved your dinner ticket? Those who have attended a dinner meeting at Harding's know that Tom Shugrue sees to having a really good meal - hot food served on time! As usual, the business meeting will be brief, followed by the presentation of the annual Medal of Merit, Literary Award, Richard Cabeen Exhibit Awards (1st and 2nd places this year), and plaques to those who provided a meeting program during the past year. The officers for 1970 will be installed by ??? Then, if last year's amateur entertainment didn't exactly hypnotize you, this year's professional hypnotist will do it. Oh yes, those who attend will receive their 1969 BULLETIN, a 32-page gold-cover booklet that we believe you will treasure. And, I almost forgot, some of our professional members will have some nice door prizes for the lucky ones.

Jim Budd, chairman, has things well arranged but must know on or before Monday, Jan. 12, how many meals to provide and places to set. Send a check for your tickets, or at least a note telling him how many you want, to James R. Budd, 130 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Il. 60302. Or phone him at Eu 3-4740. If you can't get Jim, I'll be his "stooge" at 383-4065.

Please remember: A lot of time and effort is spent in planning this once-a-year meeting. All you have to do is plan to attend - let us know by Monday - pick up your ticket at the door ($6.75) and enjoy yourself at the Dutch treat cocktail hour starting at 6:30 p.m. and at dinner at 7:30. Support your Club and its officers and enjoy the good fellowship of this venerable Club's members.

PERSONALS

Jim Budd *is having a holiday trip-to the hospital-but expects to be on deck for the January meeting...*Harold and Blanche Klein *spent the holidays with their families in the Hinsdale area and NOT enjoying our snow and cold weather...*

Birthdays in January - Harold Klein 1st, Elston Bradfield 28th, *and, looking into* February, Evelyn Hausske 4th...*Very short on news items this time - where are all my reporters?"*

THE 1969 BULLETIN

How many members has the Club had in its 50 years? Every one is listed in the BULLETIN (no addresses). Who has the lowest number among the active members? Who have the presidents and secretaries been? Can you name the most outstanding dealers who are or have been members? Including predecessors, what club has the longest uninterrupted membership in A.N.A.? Who once had a record of attending 109 consecutive Club meetings? Did you say "So who cares?" If you did, don't bother to remove your BULLETIN from the envelope! By the way, there are illustrations of many medals and tokens in it.

THIS N THAT

Someone once said, "Agriculture is very much like farming, but farming is actually doing it" Would it be fair to paraphrase this and say that numismatics is very much like coin collecting, but collecting is really doing it?

A number of coins have become well known via literature and history, but not so familiar is a certain farthing of circa 1878. In that year James McNeill Whistler sued John Ruskin for libel, claiming 1000 pounds damages. Ruskin's statement relative to one of Whistler's paintings had been published as follows: "I have seen and heard much of cockney impudence before now; but never expected to hear a coxcomb ask two hundred guineas for flinging a pot of paint in the public's face". The verdict - in Whistler's favor; the damages awarded - one farthing. It's said that the belligerent artist carried the farthing with him ever after.

It seems fitting that one of Victor D. Brenner's finest works is a medal honoring Whistler. On the reverse is a peacock and the phrase "Messierus les Ennemis", expressing Whistler's conviction that all gentlemen were his enemies.

About 7.6 billion coins have been struck in U. S. mints for foreign governments, but only two British monarchs appear on any of them: King George VI on Australian coins of 1942, 43 and 44 and Fiji coins of 1942 and 43; and Queen Elizabeth on Canadian dimes of 1968 and 1969.

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613th MEETING ** PLAZA ROOM ** 2nd FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

JANUARY MEETING NOTES

The fifty members and guests who assembled at Harding's (Tom Shugrue's) Restaurant for the January 14 meeting had an enjoyable evening of good fellowship, good food, some deserved awards and some laughs. All business was suspended except reading the application for membership of James Sunderland of Hammond, and installation of the officers for 1970 - the same as last year's - by I. T. Kopicki. ** Committee chairwoman Gerda Birkholz presented the Club's 1969 Literary Award to James Plath for his excellent paper on "Retrogression of Ancient Roman Coinage", presented at the August meeting. Tom Nolan accepted the award to send to an official at Utah University in Logan for presentation to Jim. ** Your editor had the honor of presenting the Richard McP. Cabeen Annual Exhibit Award to members Pettit (1st) and Gerda Birkholz (2nd). I was told that very few points separated these two dependable exhibitors. ** The 1969 Medal of Merit went to long-time member Clifford Lindall who served as secretary in 1942-43. Cliff has been a faithful attendant at meetings and claims a longer record in uninterrupted attendance than was reported in the 1969 BULLETIN for Lee Hewitt. Committee Chairman Kopicki made the presentation. ** Program Chairwomen Gerda Birkholz presented plaques to members who were in charge of monthly meeting programs during 1969, as follows: Matt Rothert, herself, James Babka, Joseph Scheidler, Harry Flower, Glenn Smedley, Peter Spadoni, James Plath, (none in Sept.) and herself (none in Nov. and Dec.). ** Real nice door prizes were drawn by dinner ticket stubs, having been supplied by Hewitt Bros., Archie Ivener, Rarcoa, John Ross, Tommy Ryan, Leonard Stark and Whitman Div. of Western Printing Co. ** The evening's program was concluded by an instructive and entertaining talk and demonstration by Dr. Irwin Ross, hypnotist. Subjects in the demonstration were Lilyan Babka, James Budd, Virginia Hewitt and Thomas Nolan, Lilyan being the star.

MATTHEW H. JACKSON

Matt Jackson, 83 died in St. Petersburg, Fla., on January 23 while on one of the coin show trips he enjoyed so much. He had attended the FUN convention in Miami early in the month and was heading leisurely toward the West Coast when death came suddenly.

Matt was proud to hold the Club's lowest number (122) of any active member, and to have a very low number (4790) in the American Numismatic Assn. which he joined 45 years ago. His knowledge of early U. S. coins and paper money was equalled by very few collectors, among whom he had a host of friends. Never a dealer in the usual sense, he bought and sold among others and was widely known as "The Dealers' Dealer". He attended the big conventions and shows for many years, especially since retiring from the Inland Steel Company.

Matt's body was taken directly from Florida to Elmira, N. Y., for burial. He is survived by one son, Houston, and two grandchildren. His wife, Helen, preceded him in death some dozen or more years.

PERSONALS

In December we learned that Howard Eisenberg was on the three-man law student team of the University of Wisconsin which won the regional championship of the National Moot Court Tournament. Now we have a report that Howard's team went on to win in the final competition in New York in December. Teams from 26 law schools throughout the country took part in the tournament, sponsored by the Association of the Bar of New York City. Congratulations, Howard!

Arthur Rutz, member 305, of Gary reports that he is recovering from illness and hopes to see us at a meeting soon.

From Leif Ronning, member 186, we learn that elk and deer hunting and fishing are good this winter in Big Fork, Montana.

Sorry we missed Gus Lind's (member 380) 81st birthday in January. Best wishes, Gus - it is nice to hear from you younger fellows.

Speaking of b'days, Adeline Bebee will observe hers on February 22 but she isn't telling which one it will be.

Gary Krug will talk on "Medals as Evidence of Participation in the Civil War" at the February meeting. Gary collects and studies the unusual and is always interesting.

Something quite special is being planned for the February meeting - don't miss it!

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Vol. 22 No. 3 | 614th MEETING | March 11, 1970

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614th MEETING ** PLAZA ROOM ** 2nd FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

Now you know what that "something special planned" for the February meeting was - WMAQ TV Station taped a portion of the meeting for showing as part of its Sunday Special "Big Business of Little Coins" on February 22. While some of us feel that the hobby, as such, was not emphasized enough, the general public seemed to have enjoyed the half hour devoted to coin collecting.

*** James Sunderland of Hammond became a member and Richard Bertoldi of Deerfield submitted his application. *** The 1969 Richard McP. Cabeen Annual Exhibit Award plaques were presented to Wm. Pettit (1st) and Gerda Birkholz (2nd). *** Exhibits were presented by Art Allen, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Wm. Holm, I. T. Kopicki, Wm. Pettit, Joseph Rosenbery, Glenn Smedley, and Peter Spadoni. *** There was a general discussion about holding some form of show next fall, the decision being left to the board. (Not decided yet) *** James Grebinger brought up the subject of insurance for numismatic collections with reference to the recent announcement of A. N.A. that it has arranged for coverage for its members. Specific questions raised will be discussed further at the next meeting or two. ***

Secretary-Treasurer Marjorie Baker reminded those who have not paid the 1970 dues to do so at their earliest convenience. *** Gary Krug gave an interesting talk on "Medals as Evidence of Participation in the Civil War", and showed examples that were issued by numerous organizations and groups at national, state and local levels.

PERSONAL & GENERAL NEWS

Former Club Member Tracy L. Turner, Jr., No. 394, died February 20 in a Vero Beach, Florida hospital at age 66. Mr. Turner was a partner in two investment banking firms in Chicago before moving to Vero Beach in 1952. He was an active collector and attended many meetings of the Club. Survivors include his widow, Rosemary, and a daughter.

Harry and Tillie Boosel's son Wayne is recuperating at home from major surgery.

March birthdays include Jean Bradfield 3rd, Bruno Rzepka 7th, Helen Brown 8th and Mimi Grebinger 23rd. (Just noticed I have none recorded in April - how come? Please note the editor's new address if you have any news items)

Eagle eyed Boosel caught an error in the notice of Matt Jackson's death - his A.N.A. number was 2822 (not 4790). I. T. Kopicki is our oldest A.N.A. Member with number 2788.

Did you get your 50th Anniversary Bulletin? A couple were returned by the Post Office - make sure we have your correct address, including the full and right zip code.

Marge B. reports this one from Tommy Ryans' coin ship: Small boy urging his dad to buy a coin book for him. No luck, until finally he said, "But dad, you don't want me to get taken when I buy coins, do you?" He got the book!

Dr. Daniel Scavone of the History Dept. at Elmhurst College will speak at the March 11 meeting. Recently he conducted a novel program at the College which related history and numismatics - this should be an unusual and outstanding program.

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Vol. 22 No. 4 | 615th MEETING | April 8, 1970

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615th MEETING ** PLAZA ROOM ** 2nd FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

MARCH MEETING NOTES

The 45 or so who attended the March meeting had the unusual treat of seeing how numismatics can be used as a practical tool of education. Dr. Daniel Scavone of nearby Elmhurst College explained, most interestingly, the use of a small collection of typical ancient coins by a class in classical history. Two of the students, Maria Nichols and Robert Tatter, were present and took part in the discussion following Dr. Scavone's talk. A report of this part of the meeting has been given to several numismatic publications.

The A.N.A. sponsored insurance plan was not discussed but will be the topic of the program at the April meeting. A temporary problem has been resolved and many applications for insurance of collections have been made to the insurance agency. *** Second V.P. Budd reported that the officers had decided against holding a coin show this year but are working on plans for a one-day gathering of members & other collectors in the area, to include exhibits, a few bourse tables, possibly an educational forum, and dinner. More about this fall event soon. *** The exhibits, not numerous but interesting, were by Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, William Pettit, Joseph Rosenbery and Glenn Smedley.

PERSONAL & GENERAL NEWS

Members who knew the late Glenn R. Ostrander, a past president and secretary of the Club, were saddened by the news on March 17 of the death of Irene Ostrander.

Junior Member Alvin Kress had an article on the "Commemorative Coins and Medals of Martin Luther's Birth" published in the March issue of The Numismatist. A student at De Paul University, he won the Lewis M. Reagon Memorial Award in 1968 for the best published article by a junior A.N.A. member. Congratulations, Alvin!

The only April b'day recorded on my calendar is C. Sam Carlson's on 22nd. Greetings, Sam.

Three couples escaped some of Chicago area's late winter weather by taking trips. Kopickis got suntans in the southwest and had a brief visit with member Del Worthington in Tucson. Lee and Virginia Hewitt took in Florida and the Hausskes went on a cruise in southeastern waters but we've had no reports on these vacations.

A.N.A. Executive Director Adna G. Wilde was in Chicago March 26 and 27 to inspect hotels for the site of the 1974 convention that was awarded to the Chicago Coin Club at the mid-February A.N.A. board meeting. He will meet with the Club at a later date to initiate plans.

Governors Grebinger and Smedley recently had half-hour programs taped for showing on Calumet Area Educational TV Station WCAE, channels 50 and 72, at 6:30 p.m. April 2 and 9, and 11:00 a.m. April 3 and 10. The same station, located in Lake Central High School, St. John, Ind. will hold a "Coin Collector's Forum" the afternoon of April 11. Four Club members are scheduled to take part in the event which is to be taped for showing April 16 at 6:30 p.m. and 17 at 11 a.m.

The April meeting will be the 110th held in the Congress Hotel since we started meeting here in January of 1957.

Honestly, folks, the reference to Ryan's coin "ship" in the last CHATTER was the result of a typographical error. Now have new typewriter!

Plans for the April 8 meeting call for a representative of Albert H. Wohlers & Co. to speak about the A.N.A. insurance plan. All of the members who have questions should be present to get their answers first hand.

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APRIL MEETING NOTES

About 40 members and visitors were on hand (mostly the "regulars" - how can we call up some of the reserves?) and heard Frank Cella explain the A.N.A. sponsored collection insurance plan. He announced that the response had been so good that the plan would go in effect April 15 and that the charter enrollment period was being extended to May 31. Mr. Cella agreed that a few cases presented problems but that the plan was satisfactory for the majority of collectors. He said the Company is studying two exceptional applications - coverage for $600,000 and one million dollar collections. *** William Pettit announced that Elmhurst College is offering a summer course in classic numismatics, to be conducted by Dr. Scavone (our March speaker). *** Richard Bertoldi of Deerfield became a member at the March meeting. Sorry this was not reported last month - we welcome Mr. Bertoldi and hope he will attend meetings regularly. *** A not-too-serious discussion took place about the need for a 2 or 2-1/2 cent coin, brought on by mention of an announcement that the rising cost of copper might cause the Treasury to resort to zinc-coated steel for cents. *** The exhibits were presented by Arthur Allen, Gerda Birkholz, Gary Krug, William Pettit, Joseph Rosenbery and Glenn Smedley. *** Peter Spadoni, our A.N.A. convention badge collector, was given a unique item - a lead trial piece of the 1956 Chicago badge. On the back of the uniface piece is scratched into the metal "OK/MVS". Peter's collection is one of the most complete known.

A POTPOURRI OF NEWS

Morris Thacker, Club member 177, died about the time of the April meeting. We were unable to find a death notice or other information but a member of the motion picture operator's union to which Morris belonged reported his death to Tom Shugrue. He was member 3272 of A.N.A.

The Hausskes reported having a fine Caribbean cruise last month, and of visiting Floridians Klein and Sheldon who are enjoying life in the Sunshine State.

Our ex-president and loyal member Elston Bradfield is in Lake Forest Hospital for therapy. He would appreciate hearing from any of his friends, who can send cards to his home address: 3079 Greenwood Ave., Highland Park, Illinois 60035. Visit him in the hospital if you can - Lake Forest, Illinois.

As those who attend meetings know, William Pettit is our program chairman this year. Gerda Birkholz served several years previously and deserves our thanks for her fine efforts.

Richard Peterson reports being back in the states (Mt. Lebanon, Pa.) after a sojourn into Canada. He sends greetings to his friends in the Club.

Our loyal secretary-treasurer underwent surgery but is back at her job. Nice of you, Marge, to arrange for the ordeal between Club meetings. We hope you are completely recovered and stay that way.

Director James A. Conlon of the Bureau of Engraving and printing will be the featured speaker at the banquet to be held in connection with Compex-70 at the LaSalle Hotel on Friday, May 29. The Bureau will have a "live" press demonstration and issue a philatelic souvenir sheet at the show being held May 29-31.

No record of members' b'days in May or June!

Harry Tileston, a native of Louisville and now in the Chicago area, will speak at the May 13 meeting on "Type Collecting - Reasons Why". His talk and exhibit will include foreign as well as U. S. coins.

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MAY MEETING NOTES

With only about 30 in attendance, Harry Tileston of Lombard gave an excellent talk at the May 13 meeting on type coin collecting. He spoke of the problems met in collecting coins, U. S. and foreign, by dates and mint marks, and then outlined several methods of collecting by types. With various books and holders he illustrated some of the ways type collections can be made and aids in doing so. His talk brought out vividly the fact that a collector need not be restricted by conventional methods but should study his field and develop his own style of collecting. Thanks much, Harry. *** President Babka reported that the Club's financial report for 1969 had been compiled by Jules Marshfield but was received too late for inclusion with the April CHATTER. It is enclosed with this issue, with our thanks to Jules for his diligent effort. *** Glenn Smedley outlined plans for the A.N.A. summer seminar, to be held July 12-18 in Colorado Springs, and suggested that the Club send a member to it. President Babka polled the board members present with negative results. *** Exhibits of the usual high quality were by Arthur Allen, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Harry Flower and Glenn Smedley.

A FANTASIA

A current postage stamp features the African elephant, the largest extant land animal. But scientists say that much larger animals roamed the earth's land area ages ago. What caused the extinction of these colossal beings?

Among coincclubs, the Chicago Coin Club was a colossus in both size and influence not so many years ago. What is happening to it or, more important, why is it shrinking in size and influence? Why is attendance at is meetings in a large city dropping - down to 30 last month? Certainly it has interesting programs, good fellowship and a pleasant meeting place. I do not have the answer - do you?

The Editor

CONVENTION REPORTS

Several Chicago members (and some from other areas) attended the Central States annual convention in Cleveland, May 22-24, and generally enjoyed it. There were complaints (with good reason) that it was not a well planned and not a smoothly staged convention. George D. Hatie of Detroit was elected president by a decisive margin over Sol Kaplan. Club members I. T. Kopicki and Arlie Slabaugh won exhibit awards.

Your editor visited the Compex - 70 show, May 28-31, at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago and was favorably impressed with it. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing had an exhibit in connection with its live-press demonstration of intaglio printing of postage stamps; sold a souvenir printing of the 1933 Graf Zeppelin 50¢ stamp; and Director James A. Conlon was the featured speaker at the Friday evening banquet. Former A.N.A. President J. Hewitt Judd of Omaha won a huge trophy for his complete collection of airmail stamps of Greece (15 frames).

PERSONALS

Birthday greetings to Governor Al. Birkholz (June 8) and other members with June b'days that are not in my "little black book".

Congratulations to the Harold Kleins who now have a granddaughter in Clarendon Hills.

There will be an interesting program at the June 10 meeting but it can't be announced as the CHATTER goes to press. May be a door prize or two also. Surprises!

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JUNE MEETING NOTES

Attendance was a little better last month, about 40 signed in. Among those who have not attended often lately were James Doak, Marty Greene and Noble Olsen - it was a pleasure to have them present. *** Program Chairman Pettit surprised us by presenting the evening's program himself. He spoke on the "Lost Coins of the State of Franklin", an area which was more or less formally organized as a state during a five-year period from about 1782. It was then a part of North Carolina and now eastern Tennessee. There are definite records of three silver coins being struck, all having the coat of arms of the State on one side. The dollar-size piece depicted mountains on the other side while the half-dollar-size had a tree and the quarter-size showed crossed rifles. None of the coins are known to exist but Pettit feels that some may rest in accumulations but are not recognized. *** The auditor's report that was mailed with the last CHATTER was discussed in brief and it was suggested that we seek higher interest on part of our dormant funds. *** Two surprise door prizes went to a numismatic family - the Hausskes. *** Exhibits were presented by Arthur Allen, Marjorie Baker, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Gary Krug, Dr. James Lore, William Pettit and Glenn Smedley.

(Editor's note) I try to report happenings at meetings but hope all will realize that my "Notes" are not indicative of the overall interest of our meetings. We have varied (sometimes heated) discussions which usually are informative and/or interesting but which could not be reported readily. One of the pleasures of attending meetings is, indeed, taking part in the discussions. Even if it could be done, I would not have reading the CHATTER equal to actual attendance at meetings.

PERSONALS

Andrew Oberbillig won two first prizes at one show! At the May 31 Baraboo Coin Club show he was awarded first in the foreign coin class and first in medals & tokens. Congrats, Andy.

Some members travel. The Louis Nagys sent a card from London early in June; "Doc" Lore posted one in Curacao about the same time. I wish all of you could see the beautiful cards.

Phil More sent Chattanooga Times clippings of May 24 showing him "doing his thing" as the new president of Gas Appliance Engineers Society. Phil looked hale and hardy in the photo, and as curly-headed as ever. Congratulations, Phil.

The Harold Kleins came back for the marriage of daughter Patricia on June 20, and stayed on about three weeks for visits before going home to Clearwater.

July birthdays - Aubrey Bebee, 9th; Dennis Forgue, 10th; Ralph Goldstone, 13th; your editor, ditto. When is yours?

Young Lee Cordell was a welcome visitor at the last meeting. He is President of a school coin club on the far south side - My apology for not remembering the school's name.

At the July 8 meeting you can hear about designing coins and medals, and making the dies, from Edward Becker, formerly Chief Engraver of the Franklin Mint. More recently Mr. Becker was with the Sherritt Mint in Canada where he designed and did the engraving for the Syrian FAO coins. He will have some unusual items on exhibit.

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JULY MEETING NOTES

Attendance was about forty again, with a few faces in the group that are not seen very often, such as Bernard Marshfield's. What have you in your collections more valuable than friends, who become more esteemed as they are exposed to you and each other? Think it over! ** Many of those present - maybe all - felt that the talk by Edward Becker was one of the finest and most informative we've had for a long time. Formerly chief engraver of the Franklin Mint, he has an intimate knowledge of the "engraving" of dies for medals and tokens as they are made today. I wish we had a taping of his talk but can report that he explained five different methods of producing such dies, augmented by items exhibited. One begins to understand, after hearing Mr. Becker, why modern "mints" must have such varied and sophisticated equipment, and also how some quite good medals and tokens can be produced inexpensively. Visit us again, Ed Becker, anytime. ** Wm. Pettit reported on a rare 1893S silver dollar in a plastic holder being offered to Rarcoa. When removed from the holder it turned out to be a piece made by soldering the halves of two coins together, and very poorly done. Moral: Do not buy coins without inspecting them "in the nude" first. ** Good, but too few, exhibits were by Gerda Birkholz, Harry Flower, Bernard Marshfield, William Pettit and Glenn Smedley.

PERSONALS ET CETERA

Peter Spadoni has gone to Italy for an extended visit, but promises to retain his membership in the Club. We are grateful to Peter for taking care of registrations at meetings so faithfully for a long time. Enjoy yourself, Peter.

I. T. Kopicki entered St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital, 1120 N. Leavitt St., just before the July meeting with a heart condition. We regret to report that his condition has become serious with other complications developing. Send a card to this long-faithful member.

Only recently have we learned of the death of Mrs. George W. Howe on April 11. Our condolences are offered to member Howe in his great loss.

Member Oberbillig has been honored with the receipt of a letter which he plans to read to us at the August meeting.

According to a report in Coin World, three Chicago junior members of ANA will receive literary awards at the convention. However, there is a question in our mind about one of them so we will hold the report on this until later.

The only August birthdays I have recorded are The Yeomans' - Marion the 8th and Richard 15th.

A.N.A. CONVENTION, AUGUST 18-22

Are you planning on going to the A.N.A. convention in St. Louis? Or is it a convention of the A.N.A.? The program appeared in two publications recently and I counted listings of meetings of thirteen other organizations. It would require too much space to list them all but here are a few samples: Good Fellows, Check Collectors, Elongated Coin Collectors, and International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors. Sandwiched in are various tours, hospitality rooms and Rarcoa's four-session auction.

Mr. Al. N. Oikonomides of Argonaut, Inc. Publishers in Chicago, will speak at the August 12 meeting on collecting ancient Roman and Greek coins. The speaker is a native of Athens, Greece, and is the author or editor of books on Ancient Greek sculpture and coins. He will use slides which have been called "superb".

CHICAGO COIN CLUB Chatter

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Vol. 22 No. 9 | 620th MEETING | September 9, 1970

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620th MEETING ** OXFORD ROOM ** 1st FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

AUGUST MEETING NOTES

Gerda Birkholz substituted for Marge Baker as secretary. I don't have her notes, so this will be brief. Since the scheduled speaker did not show up, the meeting itself was a bit brief. A representative of the Chicago Police Department showed photos of an unusual coin (probably a siege piece) found in the possession of a man arrested recently. It's believed that the coin had been stolen and the police are seeking its owner. Photos were sent to Coin World and to Numismatic News but have not been published at this writing. *** There was a discussion on why attendance at our meetings is so low and how it can be improved. The board is to decide on a questionnaire to be included with the CHATTER soon. Does a downtown meeting place discourage attendance? Some people are reluctant to go to the Loop in the evening nowadays. The secretary or editor would welcome comments from any member. *** There were only four exhibits, being presented by Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Wm. Pettit and Glenn Smedley. Harry's was bronze and aluminum "half-nickels" which he had struck to advance his proposal for issuance of a 2-1/2¢ coin. Naturally, his personal "half-nickels" bear the dates 1873-1973. *** If any items are missing here it is due to my poor memory rather than to intentional slighting.

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The Oxford Room is on the first floor with the entrance near the south entrance to the hotel from Michigan Avenue. It is directly below our usual second floor meeting place.

PERSONAL CHATTER & NEWS

Happiness is: Reporting definite improvement in I. T. Kopicki's condition. He is in the hospital but hopes to go home shortly after the Sept. meeting. He says THANKS for the cards and visits from many members.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Peter Spadoni July 18 following a long illness. By the way, Peter delayed his visit to Italy until after the St. Louis convention.

Marge Baker missed the August meeting due to illness and won't be at the September meeting because of an operation. She expects and we hope that she will be recuperating at home by the next meeting.

Happy Birthday to Gerda Birkholz (6th), to William Pettit (9th) and to Ruth Green (30th).

1970 A.N.A. CONVENTION NOTES

Chicago Coin Club members were much in evidence among the reported 6247 registrants at the St. Louis convention - so many, in fact, it seems superfluous to report much about the most successful event. The following, who reside in the Chicago metropolitan area, were noted for the CHATTER by member Clifford Lindall; The Elston Bradfields, Benjamin Dreiskes, James Grebingers, Clyde Hands, August Hausskes, Lee Hewitts, Joseph Lessners, Clifford Lindalls, Chas. Ricards, Leonard Starks, and James Budd, Nathan Eglit, Dennis Forgue, Albert Ivancsits, Edward Milas, J. Thomas Nolan, Andrew Oberbillig, Benjamin Odesser, James Plath, Tommy Ryan, Bruno Rzepka, Glenn Smedley, Peter Spadoni, Martin Vink and Frank Zaylik. There were many from other areas - all in all more Club members than usually show up at our meetings. Our apologies to any we may have failed to name here.

I didn't get a complete list of award winners but am proud to record that three Chicago area youths won awards for their literary efforts among the Young Numismatists of A.N.A.. Alvin Kress (CCC), 1st for the best published article, "Commemorative Coins and Medals of Martin Luther's Birth". The Numismatist, June, 1970. William S. Nawrocki, 3rd in same class for "Lest We Forget". The Numismatist, December 1969. James Plath (CCC), best numismatic article involving research. I do not know when or where published) Congratulations to all of you. Keep at it even though you will be leaving the junior class soon.

Father Raymond V. Schoder, S. J. Professor of Classic Literature and Archaeology at Loyola University, will give a slide illustrated talk at the September 9 meeting. He will speak generally on Greek coins and their relation to the study of classic art. Father Schoder was on the panel at the 1969 C.S.N.S. convention here and showed an unusual grasp of the pros and cons of numismatics in the curriculum of colleges and universities.

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Vol. 22 No. 10 | 621st MEETING | October 14, 1970

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621st MEETING ** PLAZA ROOM ** 2nd FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

We met in the unfamiliar Oxford Room, on the first floor of the Congress, directly below our usual room. Maybe just due to being unfamiliar, it did not seem as suitable as the Plaza Room, where we are scheduled to meet October 14th. All but 33 members (and 1 guest) missed a very fine talk by Father Raymond V. Schoder of Loyola University on relationships between ancient Greek coins and the study of classic art. He showed excellent color slides (his own photography) of representative coins, and it was a pleasure to listen to his commentary about them. *** E. R. (Ed) Becker, who made a most interesting talk at the July meeting, was admitted to membership. We hope to see him regularly. *** President Babka announced that the A.N.A. board has approved the Conrad Hilton Hotel as the site of the 1974 Chicago convention. It will be in August but the exact dates have not been set. *** Several members who attended the St. Louis convention made comments about it, all agreeing that it was one of the best - probably THE best - A.N.A. convention ever held. *** Exhibits were by Arthur Allen, Harry Flower, Gary Krug, Louis Nagy, and William Pettit.

I. T. KOPICKI

The Club lost one of its long-time and most devoted members on September 12 when I. T. Kopicki died suddenly in his home at the age of 67. He had been hospitalized for about two months with a heart condition and related complications but went home, seemingly on the mend, just a week before his untimely death. He was a native and life-long resident of Chicago, and retired from the Lawndale National Bank as executive vice president in 1965 with 47 years of service.

"I.T." took an active part in numismatic organizations, having served the Club as secretary (1931, 1939-41 & 1961) and as president (1947-48), the Central States Numismatic Society as its first secretary (1939) and president (1942-43), and the Society of Paper Money Collectors as treasurer (1968-69). At the time of death he was the senior active member of the Club and had completed 45 years of membership in A.N.A. We offer our condolences to his widow, Pearl, his father and brother and two sisters. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery, members Boosel and Smedley acting as two of the pallbearers.

PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES

The Club has lost two more faithful members to Florida. Joseph and Judy Lessner have become permanent residents of St. Petersburg. We wish them happiness and hope they will retain their memberships in the Club.

Secretary-Treasurer Marjorie Baker is recuperating at home following surgery early in September. She sounds rested and fine on the telephone and hopes to be at the October meeting.

Al and Gerda Birkholz are at home after a three-week tour of Europe which, they report, was fine but a little hectic. They report also that anti-skyjacking precautions are very thoro on overseas flights.

These members have birthdays in October (ages "unknown"): Marcella Sheldon (14), Harry Flower (16), Margo Russell (17), Vernon Sheldon (20), J. L. Grebinger (21), L. S. Werner (22), Marjorie Baker (26), and on November 6th, August Hausske. Know whose I forgot to report in September??? Florence Smedley (22)!

Mrs. Baker has received a blank change of address card bearing a Chicago postmark. Naturally, she wonders who sent it, whose address to change and what the new address is. CHATTERS sent to members John Holloway, Walter McMahon and Louis Sherman are being returned. Anyone having information about these three members is requested to notify Mrs. Baker or Editor Smedley.

The Illinois Numismatic Assn. will hold its annual convention October 17-18 in the LeClaire Hotel, 19th St. and 5th Ave. in Moline.

Thanks to Harry Boosel for compiling the list of twenty longest-time members of the Club. Membership numbers follow the names. Mrs. L. P. Josephson, 69; Eric Blomquist, 129; Joseph Unseitig, 157; M. Vernon Sheldon, 166; M. H. Bolender, 173; M. A. Powills, 180; Leif Ronning, 186; Lee F. Hewitt, 215; C. Sam Carlson, 221; Earl F. Barger, 226; Harry Boosel, 239; Wilton Dudley, 241; Walter White, 243; Thomas Shugrue 244; C. F. Frase, 254; Bruno Merek, 256; Robert Kracher, 259; Paul Brumm, 264; Clifford Lindall, 270; and Benjamin Drieske, 291.

David J. Shapiro, president of PNG and RARCOA, will speak at the October 14 meeting on the Certification Program inaugurated by PNG members at the ST. LOUIS A.N.A. convention. This is an important step by many of the country's leading dealers and has special interest as the A.N.A. is setting up its authentication service.

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622nd MEETING ** PLAZA ROOM ** 2nd FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

OCTOBER MEETING NOTES

With the help of a guest, we had an even 30 in attendance at the October 14 meeting. The passing of member I. T. Kopicki on September 12 was observed with a brief period of silent meditation. *** Wm. Pettit reported that the RCDA contacted him recently to invite the Club to manage a show for it in the near future, with a cash compensation to the Club and to a chairman from the Club. After informal discussion, the matter was referred to the board for disposition. *** David Shapiro, PNG and RARCOA president, gave a fine talk on the new certification program to which dealers of the PNG subscribe. Any coin, note, medal or token purchased from a member of PNG will, upon request, be photographed and a certificate of authentication will be issued and recorded by PNG. Thus there will be a permanent record of the transaction with provision for recording future transfers of the item. A fixed scale of charges for this service has been established. Mr. Shapiro answered a number of questions for those present. *** Exhibits were by Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, William Pettit, David Schecter, Glenn Smedley and Frank Zaylik. *** Secretary Marjorie Baker not yet feeling up to attending a meeting, Gerda Birkholz handled the secretarial chores.

PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES

Ain't nobody done nothin newsworthly lately?? In any case, no one has reported to me so I'll tell you that your editor attended the Penn-Ohio Coin Club's annual fall convention in Warren, Ohio, October 23-25. It was a good show and a pleasant experience. One thing which impressed me was that Warren Coin Club members cleared in excess of $700 on a raffle of four gold coins. Hereafter, I was told, this group will hold only one convention a year.

The Bebees and Yeomans (and presumbly other members) are heading west to conventions in Los Angeles and Honolulu - makes my "trip" to Ohio look important, yes?

The only November b'day on my record is August Hausske's the 6th. Some members think that I get birth dates from the Club's records, but these are in the secretary's hands. As editor, I record only those which have been reported to me by members and their friends.

NEW "NUMISMATICS"

Advertising generally has selling something as its objective. What would you think was being sold by an advertisement having this headline? "Is Numismatics Heading For Troubled Times - Again?"

First, "numismatics" is usually defined and used to mean the study of money and related items. Does the advertiser foresee trouble in studying? Of course, numismatics usually implies the collecting of coins and related items. Does he foresee trouble in obtaining such items for our collections? I doubt that he was thinking about either matter. And the word "again" - what does it refer to?

The advertisement was in a recent weekly coin paper and its purpose was to sell a new edition of A Guide to Coin Investment at $5 per copy.

William Petrosky, physics teacher at the North Chicago High School and a specialist in Russion coins, will speak at the November 11 meeting on Russion coins in the time of Peter the Great. Peter was the father of Russian coinage - should be interesting.

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Vol. 22 No. 12 | 623rd MEETING | December 9, 1970

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623rd MEETING ** OXFORD ROOM ** 1st FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

Without a head-count, attendance at the November meeting must be reported as about normal, which is to say "not good". We were all happy to see Secretary Marge Baker back, President Babka giving her a lovely corsage to welcome her. Marge expressed her appreciation for the welcome and thanked those who carried on her duties during her illness. *** President Babka announced these committees: Nominating - Harry X Boosel, Harry Flower and James Grebinger; Medal of Merit - Lee Hewitt, Marge Baker and Herbert Shaner; Literary Award - James Budd, August Hausske and Glenn Smedley; January dinner meeting - Stanley Kruswicki. *** For talks at recent meetings, A.N.A. Educational Certificates were presented to Edward Becker and William Pettit. *** We were reminded of the traditional December and January meetings - refreshments and dollar (?) gift exchanges in December, and the annual dinner meeting in January. *** Exhibitors were Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, James Budd, William Pettit and David Schecter. *** William Petrosky of North Chicago High School made a fine talk on coins of Russia. The subject, illustrated with coins from Mr. Petrosky's collection, was most interesting and well presented.

CHARLES K. LINDALL

Charles Kenneth Lindall, 65, brother of long-time member Clifford, died November 20th in St. Margaret's Hospital in Hammond of a heart condition. Although he was being treated for high blood pressure, death came unexpectedly.

"Charlie" was a native of Northern Indiana and spent his life in the Hammond-Calumet area. He was a retired electrical engineer, a Mason and member of Elks in Hammond. Since he started coin collecting several years ago, he joined the Chicago Coin Club and clubs in Valparaiso, East Chicago and Hobart, being secretary of the latter. He was a member of Central States Numismatic Society also.

Survivors include 3 sons and 3 daughters, 15 grandchildren, brother Clifford and a sister. Charles attended our meetings quite regularly (was at the November meeting) and will be missed there as well as at meetings of Indiana clubs.

DECEMBER & JANUARY MEETINGS

The December 9 meeting will be a mostly social affair, with coffee and cookies by the Club for all. Both ladies and men are asked to bring grab-bag exchange presents of nominal value, numismatic or otherwise. Please mark your package as being for a man or woman.

Since Harding's on Wabash has been closed, arrangements have been made to hold the January 13 dinner meeting at Olde Towne West, 7432 Madison Street in Forest Park - 2-1/2 blocks west of Harlem Avenue. A Dutch treat cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the complete meal to be served at 7:30. Dinner tickets, tax and gratuity included, will be $6.75 each and reservations MUST be made in advance. See Chairman Stanley Kruswicki at the December meeting or drop him a line at 8213 Commercial Ave., Chicago 60617.

Arrangements for entertainment are being made but are not final at this writing. Watch for this and other details in the January CHATTER.

Olde Towne West, a popular restaurant and tavern, has private space on the second floor for our evening event. It is most attractive, completely separate from the public space, and the food is excellent.

Attendance at our regular meetings has not been good -- let's have a big turnout for this annual meeting. Support your Club - make your reservations and be present January 13th!

PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES

The not-too-subtle plea in the last issue for personal news brought two items about members of more than passing interest.

Howard Eisenberg, our budding attorney now in Madison, Wis., wrote that Phyllis was chosen to represent University Hospital there at a special three-week course at the U of C Medical Center in Denver. He added that "I have been busy too" and cited one activity as being in Chicago recently with the Madison debate team where it defeated 19 teams in defending its national Moor Court Tournament championship. He was quite thrilled (rightly, I'd say) at being appointed law clerk to Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Horace Wilke for a year starting next July. Our best wishes, Howard and Phyllis.

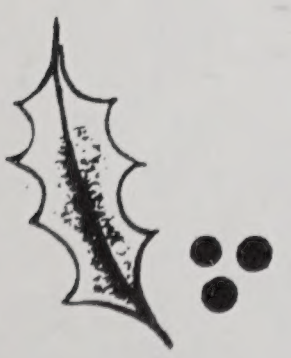
From Dr. Charles J. Ryant, Jr., a technical consultant to the Illinois H. R. Environmental Study Committee, came a copy of a recent news release stating that Charles has been chosen to be the executive director of the new seven-state Midwest Legislative Council on Air Pollution. He is called a "hard-liner" on environmental protection in the release, which states that he was the unanimous choice for the high position in the Council. Congratulations, Charles.

December birthdays - Philip More, 11th; Joseph Lessner, 18th; Clyde Grimm, 19th.

This sign was seen in a store window - not a coin store, but could be: "The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of bargain price has been forgotten".

To coin a phrase - "A counterfeiter is a man who gets into trouble by following a good example". (The Wall Street Journal)

William F. Dunham of Chicago (1857-1936) had one of the two known 1822 half eagles privately owned. C. Sam Carlson, through whose hands have passed many rare coins and medals, tells the story of G. P. Morgan sending an agent to Dunham to buy the 1822 half eagle at any price up to $32,000. Dunham sent him back empty handed with this message: "It gives me great pleasure to own a coin that the great Morgan, with all the money at his command, does not have".



MAY THE HOLIDAYS BE HAPPY DAYS FOR YOU AND YOURS